DE ANZA KYRGYZ AND CIS STUDENT ASSOCIATION CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I – NAME OF CLUB

The name of this club shall be De Anza KGIS (Kyrgyz and Commonwealth of Independent States Students Association)

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE OF CLUB

The purpose of the club is to bring all Kyrgyz together and create a favorable atmosphere for all of us as well as for students from post-Soviet states and all comers. A place where everyone can feel comfortable, openly express their opinions and put forward diverse kinds of ideas that contribute to development. One of the key ideas is to help freshly arrived students during their stay at De Anza (academic assistance, housing concerns, job opportunities, access to various resources, and whatever else we can). Moreover, to promote Kyrgyz culture among the general populace. Welcome to everyone interested in learning about our rich Kyrgyz culture, ancient history, and cuisine, as well as making new friends from Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan, Ukraine, Armenia, Turkmenistan, Russia, Azerbaijan, and Yakutia.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Any DASB cardholder who carries a minimum of 1/2 unit may apply for membership in this club. Club officers make the decision to join the club. Membership fees will not be charged. Club members may not be on academic or social probation.

ARTICLE IV – QUALIFICATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Section 1

Club officers must be currently enrolled, have a minimum of a 2.0 cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA), must maintain 2 units, have a current DASB card, and must not be on academic or social probation.

Section 2

Officers will be a President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer/ICC Representative, and Marketing/PR Manager.

The election of the Club Officers shall be held during the Fifth (5th) week of the Spring Quarter. However, officials may request that it be held earlier if an officer leaves the club or if there is a force majeure situation.

Club Officers shall be elected by a simple majority vote of active Club Members present at that Club Meeting. In the event that there are three (3) or more candidates and no one person receives a simple majority of votes, then the top two (2) candidates will participate in a run-off election. New officers will be sworn in upon completion of the Tenth (10th) week of the Spring Quarter.

Section 3

The election will be done by secret ballot by club members who have attended at least two meetings.

ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1 – President

1. Preside over all meetings.
2. Call special meetings.
3. Carry out the provisions of the Constitution.
4. Appoint committees and chairpersons.
5. Oversee all committee activities.
6. Make amendments to the Constitution with the approval of all active officials of the club.

Section 2 – Vice President

1. Assist the president in presiding over meetings.
2. Assist the president in managing the overall club.
3. Assume the duties of the president in their absence.
4. Perform any duties delegated by the president.

Section 3 – Secretary

1. Record and keep accurate minutes of all meetings.
2. Act as a correspondence clerk.
3. Print and distribute agendas for all meetings.
4. Schedule the events

Section 4 – Treasurer/ICC Representative

1. Handle funds and finances for the club.
2. Keep financial records.
3. Pay bills and release funds as voted by the general membership.
4. Make financial reports at least once a month at the meeting.
5. Research costs involved in any events.
6. Attend all Inter-Club Council Meetings.
7. Report the results of ICC meetings at club meetings.

Section 5 – Marketing/PR Manager

1. Create digital graphics, posters, etcetera used for advertisement.
2. Communicate events and club plans to De Anza Students.
3. Represent the club through social media platforms.

ARTICLE VI – EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

Section 1

The Executive Council will consist of the President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer/ICC Representative, and Marketing.

Section 2 – Duties of the Executive Council

1. Formulate the policy of the club between regular meetings and in case of emergencies, subject to the approval of the general membership.
2. To execute policies determined by the general membership.
3. To govern the activities of the club.
4. To compile agenda for general meetings.

ARTICLE VII – IMPEACHMENT/REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT

OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

Section 1

All elected officers and club members may be subjected to impeachment and removal by a two-thirds majority vote of the total membership.

Section 2

Grounds for impeachment are negligence and any form of misconduct which is damaging to the club. An officer/member may be impeached/removed only under the following conditions: there must be a quorum present during impeachment/removal; two-thirds of the membership must vote; prior to impeachment/removal, there must be one week's notice of intent publicized.

Section 3

Any officer vacancies shall be filled by an election held within two weeks.

ARTICLE VIII – MEETINGS

Section 1

There must be public notice of club meetings on the club board at least five (5) school days in advance.

Section 2

There must be a meeting at least once a month held in person.

Section 3

There must be a quorum (a quorum is 50 percent plus 1 of the active membership) present in order to take care of financial action.

Section 4

Minutes must be kept of all financial action with the club secretary.

Section 5

The treasurer will need to make a written and oral report at least once a month at the meeting.

ARTICLE IX – COMMITTEES

Section 1

The standing committees of this club shall be appointed as necessary.

ARTICLE X – ADVISOR

Section 1 – The role of the advisor is to:

1. Serve as the official staff representative of the college.
2. Work closely with the club to ensure a cooperative relationship between the advisor, and the club membership.
3. Assist each officer of the club in understanding their duties.
4. Give particular attention to the financial activities of the group in order to prevent the incurring of organizational debts for succeeding members to pay.
5. Assist students to understand and apply democratic principles within their own organizations, and in working with others.
6. Be present for all official club/organization meetings and activities (business and social), and to advise students of the policies and procedures which they must follow as a club/organization.
7. Be familiar with the ICC Code, ICC Financial Code, ICC Concessions Code, and club financial process.
8. Ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to ensure the safety, and welfare of club members.
9. Ensure that appropriate college policies are upheld.
10. To sign all club/organization requisitions for the club/organizations, and to make sure that 1) their student treasurer or president or vice president signs it and 2) that the expenditure is correct within all existing policies.

ARTICLE XI – RESPONSIBILITIES

Section 1

This club accepts full financial responsibility for all activities that bear its name as official sponsor, and will adhere to college regulations. All publicity for an event must bear the name of the sponsoring club.

ARTICLE XII – RIGHT TO ACT

Section 1

Any club officer, club member does not have the right to incur any debt or become involved in any business under the title or by implying the title of a club in any way unless given full authority to do so by the club.

ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

Section 1

Any amendment change requires a two-thirds vote at a general club meeting and must then be approved at the ICC Agenda Meeting.